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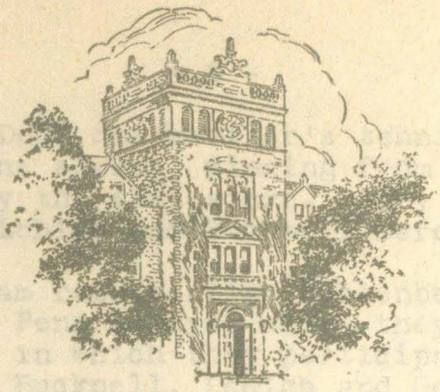

Dear Mules:

The days have a habit of rolling around very swiftly and here it is, time for another chat with you via Uncle Sam's mail. I am hoping that the day will soon come when we can have these chats in person right here on the campus. This letter is going out to about nine hundred of you, scattered all over the world, some on their way home now, some expecting to return soon, others who will not be back until Fall. Wherever you are, and wherever you may be in the next few months, take a look at the address on your envelope when it arrives, and if it is not correct, drop me a postcard, won't you? At present there are about fifty addresses missing in the files and we want to keep our records in good shape. So, how about a line?

I am sorry to report that another Muhlenberg man has been killed in California. ENSIGN JOHN SCHWENK '43 met his death in an automobile accident in Yosemite National Park, California, Sunday, April 29th. John had taken part in amphibious operations off Saipan, Guam, Eniwetok, and Okinawa. Returning to this country, he was spending a leave with his family in Oakland, Calif. and had taken a trip when the fatal accident occurred. Three other officers, who were with him in the car, excaped injury. At college, John was editor of the Muhlenberg Weekly, Vice-President of the student body and active in extra curricular activities.

Spring sports continue to attract attention on the Muhlenberg campus. The baseball team has a record of five wins and three losses to date. Since the last letter, they have engaged four opponents, winning two and losing two. The 'Berg batters won from Lehigh 6-4 and Moravian 8-5 while dropping decisions to Swarthmore 10-6 and a fast traveling Violet team from N.Y.U. 13-0. The Gettysburg game, scheduled for May 4, will be played this week, when the Mules also meet Penn State and F. & M.

Muhlenberg's three run rally in the seventh inning which knotted the score against Swarthmore was not enough to tame the boys from the Main Line, for they came back in their half of that same inning to send four runs across the plate. Willis, former carrier pilot and speedball pitcher for the Garnet, held the Mules to seven scattered hits while his mates were gathering fourteen hits from three 'Berg pitchers.

It was just one of those days which happens to any good ball club and the Mules took it on the chin when N.Y.U. came to Allentown and left on the long end of a 13-0 score. Ten errors tell the story and Busch, Cardinal and Gray starting pitcher, who pitched nice ball, just couldn't hold the New Yorkers in check.

Muhlenberg defeated Moravian for the second time this season when the Greyhounds went down fighting, 8-5. Although a determined rally in the last inning saw three Moravian runners crossing the plate in an attempt to pull the ball game out of the fire, the Mules emerged on top. Five big runs in the first inning on three hits, an error and a pair of walks started the Mules off on their victory parade.

The Mules, under Coach "Hoss" Lough's tutelage, seem to like big innings for they did the same thing to Lehigh when, in the second inning of that game, they scored six runs, to defeat Lehigh for the second time this season. Played on Muhlenberg's home field, the Cardinal and Gray batters collected eight hits while keeping the crowd in good spirits with some snappy double plays.

Coach John "Doc" Shankweiler's tennis team has split the first two matches of the season, winning from Haverford 7-2 and losing to Swarthmore by the same score. They are scheduled to meet Drexel, John Hopkins, Lehigh and Bucknell before the season closes.

The track team representing Muhlenberg has participated in two meets since the Penn Relays, where they finished fourth and fifth in the two races in which they participated. Engaging in a quadrangular meet with Bucknell, Lehigh and Gettysburg, the Mules were unable to do better than third. Bucknell won the meet with a score of 59½ points, Lehigh was second with 42 and the Mules right on the Engineer's heels with 41½. Gettysburg scored 11 points. Muhlenberg produced a double winner when Miller won the discus with a heave of 121 feet 10 inches and came back to capture the javelin, tossing the spear for a distance of 156 feet.

Competing in a field of fifteen teams in the 34th running of the Middle Atlantics, Muhlenberg finished eighth. Rutgers, presenting a well balanced team, took the meet with 38 points, while Swarthmore was in second place and F & M third. The Mules scored 12 5/6 points. A new record for the meet was set when Jim Gillcrist of Swarthmore cleared the bar in the high jump at six feet, two inches.

Something new will be added to the Muhlenberg sport calendar in June when, for the first time, Muhlenberg will hold spring basketball drills. There are several reasons for Coach "Bud" Barker's decision. First, the team that completed the last season will return almost intact. two members of this aggregation will be missing, for Leo Martini was called into the service a few weeks ago and Joe Staudinger left last week. Al Rubbert has received his "Greetings" but changing legislation may keep him on the campus. However, another big reason for Barker's decision to look over his candidates, is the fact that Hank Baietti, Jim Capehart, Bob Miller and Dick Whiting are planning to return to 'Berg and will be eligible for the squad next season. Then too, the coach wants to look over new men such as Art Stein, slugging outfielder for the Mules who has hit three home runs this season, Irving "Dizzy" Dean, "Reds" Graner, former Allentown High star, Al Saemmer, a Bethlehem sparkler, and Eddie Schwob, who as a member of the Weehawken, N.J. High School team playing in the recent State championship, established a record by scoring 41 points in that game. Coupled with men like Dick McGee, of Central Catholic, and a host of newcomers, the coach expects about twenty-five men to report for what should be one of the best basketball teams in the nation.

You have heard us talk about Muhlenberg's expanding program for qualified veterans and June graduates in the areas which it normally serves. President Tyson recently announced that when the fall term opens, the College will expand its student body to 925 men. This emergency program will nearly double the normal enrollment of 525 men and add 200 to the present peak registration of 723 students. Dr. Tyson explained that the college feels its responsibility toward the men whose education was interrupted by the war and will do all in its power to help them reach their peacetime goals they have set for themselves. Priorities are being given to men who were civilian students on the campus as members of the V-12 unit. Also high on the priority list are veterans who were not previously enrolled at another college and men who are graduating from high school this June.

More than half of the men are expected to reside on the campus, for the regular dormitories and fraternity houses will be supplemented by special housing units provided by the government. Site plans have been approved for the first unit of the government development--a pre-fabricated dormitory with accomodations for 60 men and small family dwelling units for twelve families, which should be ready by July 1. Recently, the government allocated additional units for 100 more students and 25 families, and it is anticipated that these will be ready for occupancy by September 1.

In view of the expanding student body, President Tyson pointed out that the faculty would be increased so that thoroughly competent men will augment the regular faculty and enable them to teach a normal schedule and have sufficient time for consultation with

individual students. The appointment of Dr. Morris S. Greth, a graduate of the college in 1922, as professor of sociology was announced recently. Dr. Greth resigned from the faculty of Albright College, where he has been chairman of the department of social studies, and will begin his work on the campus July 1.

And now for the mail. CHAPLAIN (COL.) FRANK M. BROWN '19 will soon be returning to the States where he expects to be released from active duty and resume his civilian status. Chaplain Brown sent us a very attractive program concerning his Easter service in the Yankee Stadium, Italy.

LT.(JG) BOB HALDEMAN '44 writes from San Francisco where the LST 377, of which he is in command, is scheduled for decommissioning. Bob reports that he has acquired a wife, formerly a nurse at the Allentown Hospital, and that all "our beaten up football players will remember her as Miss Evans". He also reports a ringside seat at the"Battle of Alcatraz".

CHUCK KEIM '42 says he won't miss those LST trips one bit when he starts his work with the Chevrolet company in Philadelphia. He had 44 months of service and is glad to get back to civilization.

NEWTON K. DEIBERT '44 sends word from far off Washington to say that he has been detached from the Navy and is attending the University of Washington in Seattle.

The climax to his Army career has come for NORMAN H. THOMPSON '41 with a visit to his relatives in Norway before shoving off for Belleville, N.J. Norman was NCO 1/C of the 40 KW transmitter station in Frankfurt, Germany, and although he has seen practically every country in western Europe, the good old eastern USA will look mighty good to him.

DR. RUSSELL H. DERR '36 is back on terminal leave from the Army and will resume his practice of medicine in Adamstown, Pa.

JOE BOKROSH '36 writes from the Veterans Hospital in Wadsworth, Kansas, where he is convalescing from malignant maleria. BILL BEISEL '45 dropped a note to tell of his discharge from the Army and that he is planning to come back to the campus for commencement in June. Bill will resume his studies at Indiana University Medical School next Fall.

Two more doctors have returned to the Allentown area and will reopen their offices soon. MAJOR MORRIS PARMET '35 served 44 months in the Army Medical Corps and LIEUTENANT COMMANDER FREDERIC M.J.WALP '32 completed four years of duty with the Navy Medical Corps. Dr. Walp spent 22 months with the Fourth Marine Division in the Pacific and also served aboard an attack transport.

ENSIGN CHARLES F. MOSSER '47, who received his V-12 training at Muhlenberg, has been made commanding officer of the LCI 559. The ship on which he is presently serving is assigned on a run between Tubabao Island and Leyte.

Here are a few promotions: ROBERT A. PHILLIPS, S 2/C V-45, LIEUTENANT JUNIOR GRADE WILTON HARDY '45, LIEUTENANT COMMANDER FRANK M. WENTZ '37, COMMANDER EDWIN W. HARTZELL '17, FIRST LIEUTENANT PHILIP E. VOOZ '44, and STAFF SERGEANT NORMAN H. THOMPSON '41.

This is the end of the mail so we'll close for this time. We need your letters and address changes, so keep 'em coming. I hope that many of you who will be discharged or separated during the next few weeks will be able to make the reunions on June 21 and 22. You're sure to find a welcome surpassed by any when you come back, so be sure to come if you can. We'll be looking for you.

Cordially,

John

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